Shiksha Abhiyan, Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas, National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology, Sub-Mission on Polytechnics under the coordinated action for skill development, as also programmes for major expansion of access to higher educational institutions alongwith equity and excellence.

Regulation of admission, fee, etc. in deemed universities

985. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether is a fact that Government has decided to regulate admission, fees, etc. in deemed universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of deemed universities covered by above decision and those likely to be covered in next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC), has, at its meeting on 22nd June, 2009 approved the UGC (Fee Structure in Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities) Regulations, 2009 and UGC (Admission in Professional Programmes of Study at Institutions Deemed-to-be Universities) Regulations, 2009, which are at present with the Government for consideration.

'Sakshar Bharat' programme

986. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched a new adult literacy programme named 'Sakshar Bharat' to achieve higher level of literacy in the country;

(b) if so, the funds proposed to be allocated towards this programme, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to bring in teachers for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per approved guidelines of the scheme, only such districts that have adult female literacy rate of 50% or less as per 2001 Census are eligible for coverage under the programme and they will be allocated funds as per approved financial norms subject to budgetary allocations and guidelines laid down by National Literacy Mission Authority.

(c) 'Saakshar Bharat' envisages effective link with the school education system so that teachers who can provide academic support at the village level are enlisted as collaborating partners to complement the panchayats. Teachers would motivate non-literate parents to enroll